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PUT UP JOB

The "Temperance Communication" Signed
By J. W. Mahan, of Lawrenceburg,
and sent to John W. Flowers, of
Columbia, was a Frame-Up.

Congressman Helm and Lillard Carter, the "Wet"
Attorney, Responsible.

(Lawrenceburg News.)

The following is from the Interior Journal at Stanford, which we publish on the News, own "hook" and which letter, signed by Mr. J. W. Mahan, of this city, the News proposes to dissect and defies contradiction:

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(Signed) J. W. MAHAN.

In the first paragraph of Mr. Mahan's letter he says he is an "elder in the Presbyterian church in this city," to which we assent. On reading Mr. Mahan's letter, the News man asked him how he stood on the liquor question. He said: "I am a 'wet man' like Dowling and vote like him." Mr. Temperance Man, of Anderson county, think of a man voting for whiskey and being an elder in the church of God! Is that your kind of a temperance man? Mr. Mahan is for Mr. Helm and says he is a "wet man and would vote wet." Mr. Mahan, the local option question was held here a few years ago, did you vote "wet," or did you go to the "tall and uncut" of Missouri?

The Anderson News charges that the man who wrote the letter signed by Mr. Mahan was Hon. Lillard H. Carter, a Helm man, and a "wet man," because he voted that way when a member of the Legislature in 1910 against the Wagoner Bills, Nos. 78 and 445, one the County Unit Bill and the other a local option measure, being the only man to make a speech against the bill. Mr. Carter tells the News.

We charge that on last Thursday

afternoon, July 18th, that Hon. Harvey Helm was in "conference" with Hon. Lillard H. Carter at his office in this city and that on Friday, July 19th, he, Carter, wrote the above letter to Mr. Flowers signed by J. W. Mahan, though dated July 20, 1912. We further charge that Mr. Helm was in the conference with a "member" of the W. B. Saffell Distillery Co. on Thursday, July 18th, 1912, and we defy him to contradict this statement and we can give the gentleman's name if he, Helm, or any other man, desires it.

We further charge that Mr. S. E. Booth, superintendent of the T. B. Ripy plant of the Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Company, who Mr. Mahan claims is "supporting Mr. Helm rather lukewarmly," is not only for Mr. Helm now, but when the Democratic county committee was called together here a few months ago to instruct its chairman, Mr. E. M. Mountjoy, a whiskey man, who is in the employ of Mr. Booth at intervals to vote for the interest of Anderson county's distinguished son, Hon. W. E. Dowling, for Congress, this same Mr. Booth voted in the committee for a primary election, instead of a convention which Helm wanted and in his speech here on June court day he eulogized those Democrats that "stood so nobly by him," when trying to call a snap convention. Didn't you do it, Mr. Helm?

If Mr. Booth is "Lukewarm" on Helm now, God pity the man who is truly sincere for him in this county. It has been Mr. Helm's invariable rule in visiting this county to consult Mr. Booth on all matters, who is the real "political head" of the whiskey interests in this county, until his last visit here then he went to Van Buren to make a speech in company of a most excellent gentleman on the other "end of the string" he loves to pull now.

Mr. Mahan again says: "Hon. William Dowling, Sullivan's leader, Senator from this district, and himself a distiller, the son of a distiller, and one of the constant opponents of the county unit bill."

We take issue with Mr. Mahan again. Mr. Dowling is a loyal friend of Mr. Sullivan, but he is only a true friend and one of many advisors to Mr. Sullivan. On what authority do you charge that Mr. Dowling is his leader, Mr. Mahan, or did your "wet" attorney dream it for you?

Instead of getting two "whiskey men," Hon. Lillard H. Carter and J. W. Mahan, to "frame up" a letter to your interest, Mr. Helm, there being three splendid ministers of God's Holy Writ in our city, why didn't you call on those excellent gentlemen to give you a "testimonial" as to the best of their knowledge to state who the "whiskey people" are for Congress in Anderson county? When you held your "conference" with Mr. Carter didn't you know that the Presbyterian church had been without a minister for over a year, Mr. Helm? Will you, Mr. Helm, make an affidavit that you did not consult Mr. Carter about the Mahan letter while here on July 18th, or that you did not consult a certain distiller that same afternoon, who is red hot for you in regard to your race?

Mr. Sullivan is "dry," because he votes the way he preaches. Mr. Helm neither votes that way, only having "talked that way since May 31, 1912." Just think of Helm as a "60-day evangelist of temperance!" Investigate, Mr. Temperance Man, for yourself, whether or not Mr. Helm has not "ducked" every local option election ever held in his home town, Stanford? Then investigate Mr. Sullivan's record at Richmond on "temperance." Then decide which is Dr. Jekyll and Dr. Hyde?

Mr. Mahan says "that out of a possible 1,500 votes that Sullivan would not receive exceeding one hundred and fifty votes in this county."

We do not know how many he will receive, but when Mr. Mahan attempts to state how many he will receive, not even writing the letter, but getting an "attorney" to state

his "case" for him, it seems he might possibly be drawing on his "wet" imagination.

One already "wet" and the other waiting a chance to vote "wet." Just think of this, Mr. Temperance Man!

Mr. Booth is secretary of the Democratic county committee and last May did more than any other one man to carry the county over McCreary for temporary chairman of the Louisville convention, which meant the whiskey men would control the party machinery and condemn the laws now on the Statute books of Kentucky. Almost, without exception, every "whiskey man" that opposed Gov. McCreary was Helm's friend then, as well as now, and we defy Mr. Helm or Mr. Mahan to contradict this statement, and if he desires the leaders of the "whiskey men" named, we will do so at his request. Not only did these same leaders urge and work for instructions against McCreary, but Van Zant also a temperance man, and instructed for Stephenson, the "whiskey candidate," for State chairman. Didn't they do it, Mr. Mahan?

We charge and defy contradiction of a single distiller, or stockholder in any distillery in Anderson, to say he is not supporting Helm, but in every instance do we charge they are. Judge Dowling is in the employ, but not the owner of a share of stock in a distillery. He is for Sullivan. You say Mr. Booth is, you are told, "lukewarm" on Helm. If Mr. Booth will make an affidavit that he will not support Helm over Sullivan, the Editor of the Anderson News will vote for Helm on August 3, 1912, on top of the table and let the world know it. Produce your affidavit, Mr. Mahan, and contradict us if you can, or forever hold your peace! We charge that the above "whiskey interests" are taking a hand in this fight, both openly and under cover, and the News is not responsible for you, Mr. Mahan, not seeing it. If you desire some names that are, we will give them to you with pleasure.

The Anderson News entertains the highest regard for Hon. Lillard Carter, Mr. Mahan and Col. Booth. It only desires to give facts and, if it has erred, it will gladly make correction. It proposes to give the facts, no matter whom it helps or hurts. Every man can vote his sentiments and we will not complain. We propose to always express ours, as well as vote them, not caring whether it suits the critic or not. We wear no man's collar. We are a free lance.

DOWLING IS PROVING SULLIVAN'S McCULLOUGH

Biggest Distiller in District is for Madison Man-Mercer Strong For Helm.

Harrodsburg, July 25.

Congressman Harvey Helm has been spending much of the week campaigning in Mercer county, and has made many new friends all over this section. He is vigorously answering the charge made by Mr. Sullivan that the temperance people are not for him, and has flung back this with the effect of a boomerang.

Likening the support of Senator W. E. Dowling, the Lawrenceburg distiller, who is a warm Sullivan supporter, to that of McCullough, the noted distiller who was caught financing the O'Rear campaign in the state election last year, Mr. Helm has made the hit of the campaign in this section. The people in this county are not inclined to believe Sullivan's charge that the whiskey people are behind Helm, when he is forced to admit that one of his own champions is Senator Dowling.

A few politicians here, who have been unable to control Helm are against him, but the great rank and file of the party in Mercer led by Judge Charles A. Hardin, are enthusiastically for Mercer roll up several hundred Majority for him on August 3rd.

Notice.

From Aug. 1, 1912, until Saturday Dec. 28, 1912, a Dresser contest will be on at my Store. For any one who purchases goods to the amount of \$3.00 with cash or produce will be entitled to a guess on a nice dresser.

On Aug. 3, we will pay extra high prices for produce. Every body come and vote and bring your cash and produce and get in this contest.

D. E. Wilson.

John Fair, a colored man, who lived in the Flat Woods, died last Sunday.

ANDERSON TEMPERANCE PEOPLE FOR HELM FOR CONGRESS.

Two Letters Come Out Which Show How Sullivan's Effort to Ride Temperance voters Into Congress is Failing.

(Interior Journal.)

Just how flat the efforts of Judge Sullivan and his friends to "ride" him to victory in the congressional race on the temperance issue, are failing, is again shown in two letters which have fallen into the hands of the I. J. The writer of the first letter, John W. Flowers, is said to be one of Sullivan's leaders in Adair county. The letters are perfectly self explanatory and speak well for themselves. They are as follows:

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What Temperance Leaders Here Says.

Stanford, Ky., July 22, 1912.

We, the undersigned ministers of the christian churches of this city and county, do hereby state that we are perfectly satisfied with the position of the Hon. Harvey Helm upon the Shepard-Kenyon bill now pending in Congress, the passage of which is earnestly desired by the temperance people.

J. J. DICKER.
Pastor of the Methodist church.
J. B. JONES.
Pastor of the Baptist church.
P. L. BRUCE.
Pastor Presbyterian church.
D. M. WALKER.
Minister Christian church.
R. R. NOEL, Baptist evangelist.
H. F. SURLLES, Pastor
Hustonsville Baptist church.
W. S. WILLIS, Pastor
Hustonsville Christian church.

Word has been received here that some extra fine horses will be on exhibition at our Fair.

JOHN W. FLOWERS

Charges that the Publication of his private Letter to the Pastor of Presbyterian Church at Lawrenceburg, Ky., and the answer Thereto of J. W. Mahanis a "Frame Up."

Columbia, Ky., July 28, 1912.

Many citizen's and Democrats of Adair County and the Eighth Congressional District, have read in the Interior Journal, a paper published at Stanford, Ky. the home of the Hon. Harvey Helm, a letter written by me to the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lawrenceburg, Ky., and the reply thereto of J. W. Mahan, who states that he is an elder in the Presbyterian church at that place. My letter was not intended for anyone but the pastor of the church and was strictly of a private nature, but there being no pastor of the said church at Lawrenceburg, I suppose the letter was handed to some member of the church, probably Mr. Mahan. Instead of Mr. Mahan returning my letter with the information that the church had no pastor and not betraying a matter that accidentally fell into his hands, he presumed to make reply himself and had the correspondence placed in the hands of either Mr. Helm or his campaign managers, all without my knowledge or consent. This trick on the part of the "Elder" is plainly to be seen and shows what he will resort to in order to carry a political point.

Now as to my motive for writing this letter to the Presbyterian minister, I had received information from different sources that the whiskey men were opposing Mr. Sullivan on account of his position in regard to the County Unit Law, and in order that I might have absolutely correct information in regard to the matter, I wrote three private letters addressed to men, who I thought would be familiar with conditions in the whiskey districts and who would have no political reasons for not reporting conditions as they actually exist. The first heard from said that he feared that what was suggested in my letter was true, that the whiskey men were supporting Helm, and stated that he had been making careful investigation in regard to the matter. The second gentleman heard from said that a majority of the whiskey people in his county seemed to be supporting Helm, but no lines had been drawn between the temperance and whiskey people. However, he said that it was his opinion that Mr. Helm was playing a double game, "publicly announcing in favor of temperance and secretly patting the other fellows on the back." He further said that it was his opinion that if the temperance people wanted anything done in Congress, they should send Mr. Sullivan there. The third letter addressed to the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lawrenceburg and strictly a private letter and intended for the sight of no one but the pastor, fell into the hands of Mr. Mahan, who betrayed same into the hands of Mr. Helm or his friends who, without my knowledge or consent, permitted same to be published in the Interior Journal and same will, no doubt, be published in other papers of the District.

Now as to the gentleman, who took mail that was not intended for him or his church, but for the pastor of the church personally, and betrayed same, I want to say that he bears a striking resemblance to another churchman who, for a similar act, gained so much notoriety many centuries ago. It is also my opinion that the Presbyterian church at Lawrenceburg needs an elder more than it needs a pastor.

To show that I was trying to be absolutely fair to Mr. Helm, upon receipt of the letter from Mr. Mahan, whose opinion I had not requested and did not want, I announced to a friend, who will witness the truth of the statement I make, that owing to a conflict of opinion in regard to the matter in which I was interested, that I would keep same quiet, altho I believed that the "Elder's" reply was nothing more than a "Frame up," as I, am sure now it was. I did not even let Mr. Sullivan know anything about the investigation I was making. But as part of the story has been told without my consent, I feel that the public is entitled to know it all.

I am supporting Mr. Sullivan because I believe it is my duty to do so both as a citizen and a Democrat. I have never mistreated Mr. Helm and he had no right to publish my private correspondence, without my consent, and give me unsought notoriety, even if same should be betrayed into his hands by some person, who wears the label of a churchman but who is evidently not entitled to the honor.

I assume that Mr. Helm is approving this publication for the reason that it first appeared in his home paper and is being published in other papers of the district supporting him. The latter information I have received since I began this letter.

Jno. W. Flowers

P. S. Since writing the above, I have talked with the Editor of the Anderson News, Mr. J. M. Alverson, who charged in an editorial in his paper, a few days ago, that the Mahan letter was nothing but a "frame up" and the man who wrote it was Mr. Lillard Carter, a "wet man," and he informed me that Mr. Carter had admitted that he wrote the letter altho Mahan signed same. He also told me in the same conversation that it is the absolute truth that Mr. Mahan has admitted that he is a "wet man" and would vote that way. Mr. Helm has evidently tried to deceive the temperance people of his District by trying to create the impression that the answer to my letter came from a temperance source, the writer being an elder in the Presbyterian Church, but it turns out that he, Mr. Mahan is a "wet man." Read what the Anderson News has to say in another column of this issue of the Adair County News and you will learn something about Mr. Carter, who wrote the answer to my letter.

Jno. W. Flowers.

MINISTERS

Introducing and Indorsing Congressman Helm in His Campaign Against Sullivan.

(Interior Journal.)

In the three days tour of Mercer in which Congressman Helm met Judge Sullivan in joint debate before numerous voters, the latter attempted again to inject the temperance issue and, but he was introduced by Col. Jack Chinn while Mr. Helm was introduced by the Rev. Dr. W. P. Harvey, the distinguished Baptist minister and editor who, with four other Harrodsburg ministers, is as enthusiastic for him as are the ministers of Mr. Helm's home town.

Rev. Homer Carpenter, pastor of the Christian church, of Shelbyville, who is here with his wife at the home of her father, Dr. J. G. Carpenter, is another of the temperance leaders of the Eighth congressional district, who is perfectly satisfied with the position on Congressman Harvey Helm, on legislation which the temperance people desire enacted by congress. Mr. Carpenter said to the Interior Journal Thursday:

"The temperance people of this district, as I see it, have no reason to be displeased with Mr. Helm on temperance matters. He has come out flat-footed for the measure which we want enacted into law, and as that is the only matter at issue before congress at present what more can we ask? The temperance people of Shelby county are for Mr. Helm and I look to see him carry that county by a big majority."

Thinking to embarrass the leaf pastors because their plain-spoken endorsement of Congressman Helm's position on the Shepard-Kenyon temperance bill, the Danville Advocate Thursday telegraphed the local ministers a lengthy message asking various and sundry questions about the past record of Mr. Helm on the temperance question. To this telegram, the local ministers, who saw the ulterior motive involved, telegraphed back the answer that they were not concerned about his past record but that they "had his personal assurance that he will vote for the Shepard-Kenyon bill or any other bill that is constitutional, prohibiting the shipment of liquor into dry territory and that is the only issue with which temperance people are concerned in the present congressional race." Ad

Dr. U. L. Taylor made a very inviting fly trap last Friday. He set it in his back porch where seemingly there were but few of the pest, and in a few hours there were caught not less than ten thousand. It is a very simple construction, so much so that a number have been made in town, and millions of flies are being caught.

From all reports the corn crop in Adair county will be immense, the largest for many years. The hay is also first-class, but the wheat was not more than a two-third crop. There is fruit in abundance, hence the outlook for living is good.

A fine Jersey milk cow which was the property of Mr. J. F. Montgomery died last Saturday morning.

Wanted, a second hand organ, in good condition. Apply at this office.